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THE AUGUST 14 BANGKOK POST CARRIED THE FOLLOWING  
AP ARTICLE DATED WASHINGTON. "US PLANES TO REMAIN HERE.

"THE UNITED STATES WILL TAKE ITS TIME REDUCING MASSIVE  
AMERICAN AIR POWER IN SOUTHEAST ASIA AFTER ALL BOMBING  
IN CAMBODIA ENDS AT MIDNIGHT TODAY (MIDDAY TOMORROW  
BANGKOK TIME). SOME US WAR PLANES, INCLUDING B52  
HEAVY BOMBERS, WILL REMAIN IN THAILAND INDEFINITELY  
AS A DETERRENT TO POSSIBLE NEW NORTH VIETNAMESE OFFENSIVE  
THRUSTS.

"US DEFENSE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS SAY A CONTINUED  
AMERICAN MILITARY PRESENCE IN THAILAND IS  
JUSTIFIED UNDER THE NEARLY TWO-DECADE-OLD SOUTHEAST ASIA TREATY.

"ACCORDING TO PRESENT PLANNING, OFFICIALS SAY,  
THE UNITED STATES WILL START PULLING OUT SOME OF ITS  
660 PLANES AND 45,000 AMERICAN SERVICEMEN ABOUT A  
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MONTH AFTER THE BOMBING HALT. ABOUT 430 OF THESE PLANES

ARE BOMBERS. THE REST INCLUDE RECONNAISSANCE AND ELECTRONIC WARFARE CRAFT, TANKERS, TRANSPORTS AND HELICOPTERS.

"THE UNWINDING PROCESS WILL EXTEND OVER A PERIOD OF MANY MONTHS, WITH MOST OF THE PLANES AND MEN RETURNING TO THE UNITED STATES AND SOME TO OTHER BASES IN THE PACIFIC AREA.

" THE UNITED STATES PROBABLY WILL GIVE UP MOST OF THE SEVEN BASES IT USES IN THAILAND BUT WILL HOLD ON TO THE 90 MILLION DOLLAR COMPLEX, INCLUDING A B52 FIELD AND A MAJOR NAVAL PORT, IT BUILT AT SATTAHIP IN THE GULF OF THAILAND. THE AMERICANS ALSO ARE EXPECTED TO REMAIN IN NAKHON PHANOM, A BASE IN NORTHEAST THAILAND FROM WHICH US EFFORTS TO LOCATE MISSING AMERICAN SERVICEMEN ARE CONDUCTED."  
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